

PRAXIS I

All candidates seeking initial educator licensure in Vermont and who are not exempt (see Frequently Asked Questions) are required to meet the passing scores established by the State Board of Education on the Praxis I examinations in reading, writing, and mathematics.

The Praxis I Academic Skills Assessment is designed to assess licensure candidates’ level of knowledge and skills in the basic skill areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. Praxis I does not assess one’s knowledge of teaching nor does it predict who will become a good teacher or administrator. Praxis I results only provide information on a candidate’s knowledge and abilities in reading, writing, and mathematics. The assessments are available in two formats:

*** Paper-based Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST®)** in reading and mathematics are one-hour multiple choice tests. The writing test includes both a 30-minute multiple choice and a 30-minute essay section. *In Vermont, the PPST is administered at the locations indicated in this brochure.*

*** Computerized Pre-Professional Skills Tests (CPPST®)** in reading, writing, and mathematics contain computer-delivered questions that require selecting single responses or highlighting information. The writing test includes an essay section. Each testing session is two hours long to allow sufficient time for tutorials on computer use, the test itself, and the collection of background information for score reporting. Scores for the computer-based reading and mathematics tests can be seen on the computer at the end of the testing session. Because all essays must be sent to ETS for scoring, a score for the writing test will not be available immediately. Official score reports will be mailed within two or three weeks after the test date. *In Vermont, the CPPST is only administered in Williston. In order to register call the Prometric Candidate Services at 800-853-6773. Do NOT use the PPST standard registration form.*

Praxis I Test Codes, Cut Scores and Fees				
	PPST		C-PPST	
	Test Code	Cut Score	Test Code	Cut Score
Reading	0710	177	5710	177
Writing	0720	174	5720	174
Mathematics	0730	175	5730	175
Composite		526		526
Costs	\$50 registration fee plus \$40 per test		\$80 - 1 test \$120 - 2 tests \$160 - 3 tests Combined-\$130	

POLICIES REGARDING PRAXIS I

There are two policies related to Praxis I which create greater flexibility for educators seeking licensure while still maintaining Vermont’s high standards for competency in the basic skills.

Composite Scores: Candidates seeking initial Vermont licensure must meet either the three individual Praxis I tests scores (i.e., Reading–177, Writing–174, and Mathematics–175) or a composite score of 526 (i.e., the total of the three passing scores).

Alternatives to Praxis I: Qualifying SAT, GRE, or ACT scores can be accepted in lieu of Praxis I if licensure candidates meet the combined and minimum scores presented below. Based on correlational studies, these scores were found to be equivalent to Vermont’s passing scores on the Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Tests.

Qualifying SAT scores					
Taken Prior to April 1, 1995			Taken After April 1, 1995		
Combined	Verbal	Math	Combined	Verbal	Math
1000	420	470	1100	500	500

If you wish to use SAT scores, please call The College Board at 866-756-7346 and request your score report be sent to the Department using recipient code #4142.

Qualifying ACT scores	
English	Math
22	22

If you wish to use ACT scores, please call ACT Records at 319-337-1313 and request your score report be sent to the Department using recipient code #4331.

Qualifying GRE scores		
Combined	Verbal	Quantitative
1100*	500	500

*The GRE has three sections–verbal, quantitative, and analytical. The combined score is the total of only the verbal and quantitative test scores. For information on how to submit GRE test scores, please contact Linda Hendrickson (phone: 802-828-0449; e-mail: linda.hendrickson@state.vt.us).

PRAXIS II

Praxis II tests focus primarily on content knowledge rather than pedagogy.

All candidates seeking an initial license or an additional endorsement in Mathematics (7-12), Social Studies (7-12), English (7-12), Science (7-12), Elementary Education (K-6), Art (PK-6; 7-12; PK-12), Music (PK-6; 7-12; PK-12), Physical Education (PK-6; 7-12; PK-12), Modern & Classical Languages--French, German, Spanish, Latin (PK-6; 7-12; PK-12), or Middle Grades—English, Mathematics, Science, and/or History/Social Science (5-9) must achieve passing scores on the required Praxis II Subject Assessment(s).

Praxis II Test Codes, Cut Scores, and Fees (does not include \$50 registration fee)						
Endorsement Area	Candidates must meet the passing score on either the multiple choice <u>or</u> essay version.					
	Multiple Choice(MC)			Essay		
	Test Code	Cut Score	Fee	Test Code	Cut Score	Fee
Art	Not an option			0131	148	\$80
Elementary Education	0014	148	\$80	Not an option		
English	0041	172	\$80	0042	160	\$95
Math	0061	141	\$80	0063	154	\$80
Middle School English	0049	154	\$90	Not an option		
Middle School Mathematics	0069	161	\$90	Not an option		
Middle School Science	0439	157	\$90	Not an option		
Middle School Social Studies	0089	165	\$90	Not an option		
Music	0113	153	\$80	0111	150	\$80
Physical Education	0091	147	\$80	0092	154	\$80
Social Studies	0081	162	\$80	0083	165	\$80
Science	Candidates must meet a passing score on the General Science multiple choice <u>OR</u> essay test <u>AND</u> one subject specific test of their choosing. Passing scores on 2 tests are required.					
General Science	0435	157	\$80	0433	145	\$80
Biology	0235	151	\$80	0233	150	\$80
Chemistry	0245	160	\$80	0242	150	\$80
Earth Science	0571	158	\$80	Not an option		
Physics	0265	140	\$80	0262	150	\$80
Modern & Classical Languages	Candidates must meet passing scores on <u>both</u> the content knowledge and productive language tests, <u>except</u> for a Latin endorsement.					
French	0173	157	\$80	0171	163	\$80
German	0181	148	\$80	0182	169	\$80
Spanish	0191	163	\$80	0192	165	\$80
Latin	0600	580	\$80	Not an option		

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is exempt from taking Praxis I and Praxis II tests?

- Candidates who qualify for a Level II license and who have at least 3 years employment experience within the past 7 years as a licensed educator in the endorsement area being sought
- Candidates who otherwise qualify for licensure or endorsement and who have achieved National Board Certification® in the comparable endorsement area

Do I have to pay a registration fee each time I register to take a Praxis test? No. Test takers are required to pay the registration fee only once during a testing year. Any subsequent registrations within the testing year will not require a registration fee and if test takers submit a registration fee when one is not required, the fee will automatically be refunded.

I missed the regular and the late registration deadline dates. What can I do? Test takers will have an opportunity to use emergency registration up until the Friday one week prior to the test date. Emergency registration is available only by registering online and the fee for this service is \$75.

I have a Vermont license in Elementary Education and will be completing my degree in Special Education shortly. Do I need to take any Praxis tests? No. Anyone who already has a Vermont license does not need to take the Praxis I tests and a Praxis II test is not required for a special education endorsement.

I took the Praxis tests a few years ago in a different state. Can I use those scores or do I have to take the test again? If candidates complete tests that have the same title codes as the tests Vermont has adopted and the scores meet or exceed Vermont's passing scores, these scores can be used. Candidates should contact the Educational Testing Service and request that an official score report be sent to the Vermont Department of Education using recipient code “8410.”

But I didn't know about this and missed the test date. I have a job offer and need a license. What can I do? Speak to your superintendent about obtaining an Emergency, Provisional, or Apprenticeship license. Each has different requirements. Your superintendent must initiate the process then the Licensing Office will contact you at your home address.

I want to apply for a license in Trades and Industry. Do I need to take a Praxis test? Yes. All candidates applying for initial Vermont licensure must meet Vermont’s passing scores on the Praxis I tests unless they fall under one of the exemption categories described previously or have qualifying SAT, GRE, or ACT scores.

I want to apply for initial Vermont licensure as an administrator or support professional (e.g., school nurse, guidance counselor). Do I need to take a test? Yes. All educators seeking initial Vermont licensure must meet passing scores on the Praxis I tests unless they fall under one of the exemption categories described previously or have qualifying SAT, GRE, or ACT scores.

Will there be other endorsement areas that will require a Praxis II Subject Assessment test? Subject Assessments for other endorsement areas (i.e., Early Childhood Education; Special Education) are in the early discussion phase.

Can scores be used from other tests (e.g., CBEST, NTE, NYSTE, MSAT) in lieu of Praxis I? No. The State Board of Education has not adopted any of these tests as alternatives to Praxis I.

How do Vermont’s testing requirements apply to Peer Review candidates? Peer Review candidates must meet all licensure testing requirements that are in effect when the Licensing Office receives the candidate's application for a license. Please note that Peer Review candidates can only apply for a license after the panel has recommended the candidate for licensure and the candidate has received written confirmation of such from the Licensing Office.

I am applying for SLP/Audiology licensure in Vermont. What tests are required? Applicants for licensure as an SLP or audiologist must pass the appropriate Praxis II subject assessment (SLP-test code 0330; audiology-test code 0340). Vermont’s passing score for either assessment is 600. **In addition**, applicants who wish to acquire the Educational Speech Language Pathology endorsement (required for work as an SLP in Vermont schools) must met the passing scores for the Praxis I tests explained previously.

I previously held a Vermont educator license and wish to reinstate it. Do I have to meet the testing requirements? No. Vermont’s testing requirements do not need to be met for reinstatement of a previously held educator license.

I am applying for the science endorsement limited to a specific science subject (i.e., biology, chemistry, physics, or earth science). Do I need to take a Praxis II General Science Subject Assessment test? No. Applicants would be required to meet Vermont’s passing score on the applicable Praxis II subject specific test only.

If I passed a Praxis II content knowledge test (English, math, science or social studies), do I also need to pass a middle grades Praxis test in the same content area to obtain a middle grades endorsement? No. A Praxis II passing score in a secondary content area will meet the testing requirements for the middle grades endorsement in that same content area.

Vermont Test Centers and Test Dates			
Test Locations by Region	Test Dates	Registration Must be Received By	Late Registration Must be Received By (w/ \$45 late fee)
Northwest: Essex Jct. Education Center Southwest: Castleton State College North Central: Johnson State College Northeast: Lyndon State College Central: Norwich University (Praxis I only) Southeast: Woodstock Union High School	09/13/08* Note: All tests offered except Praxis I and Praxis II German, Latin, Physics-Essay, Chemistry-Essay	08/14/08	08/21/08
Same as above	11/15/08 Note: All tests offered except Praxis II French	10/16/08	10/23/08
Same as above	01/10/09* Note: All tests offered except Praxis II German, Latin, Physics-Essay, Chemistry-Essay	12/11/08	12/18/08
Same as above	03/14/09 Note: All tests offered except Praxis II French	02/12/09	02/19/09
Same as above	04/25/09* See 01/10/09 Note	03/26/09	04/02/09
Same as above	06/13/09* All tests offered except Praxis I and Praxis II French	05/14/09	05/21/09
Same as above	07/25/09 See 01/10/09 Note	06/25/09	07/02/09
	*Primary Language Not English (PLNE) administration dates also		

Only test scores received directly from ETS will be considered official.

ETS will automatically report to the Vermont Department of Education all scores of tests administered at Vermont Test Centers.

Licensure candidates planning to take any Praxis tests outside Vermont will need to use recipient code "8410" in order for the Vermont Department of Education to receive an official score report.

The **Top10 Questions Asked by Praxis** Candidates can be viewed at www.ets.org/praxis/top10

For more information on Praxis or to register to take a test, log onto www.ets.org/praxis or call the Educational Testing Service (ETS) customer service at 1-800-772-9476.

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